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Attorney Docket No.

HON 1448-047

First Inventor

Baker, et al.

Title

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING
RETURNABLE CONTAINERS

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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- Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Specification [Total Pages 30]
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 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 20]
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(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
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- Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
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all necessary
 - a. Computer Reader Form (CRF)
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9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
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12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS
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1001 750	2001 375	Utility filing fee	770.00	
1002 330	2002 165	Design filing fee		
1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee		
1004 750	2004 375	Reissue filing fee		
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee		
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2.*EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

		Fee from		
		Extra Claims below Fee Paid		
Total Claims	15	-20" =	0	X 0
Independent Claims	3	-3- =	0	X 0
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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20		
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3		
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid		
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1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1 812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1 805 1,840*	1 805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
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1254 1,450	2254 725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 1,970	2255 985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
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1402 320	2402 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing	
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1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,300	2453 650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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